

Samaritan Ministry

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30 Years
30 Million
30 Minutes



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Check out the Samaritan Ministry website, look for materials on the Resource page, find out what is going on the HIV/AIDS world, take our HIV online Quiz. Energize YOUR church. Get involved. We can help.



Victory
Baskets



February is Love
Month and we have

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celebrated by presenting some of the women we serve with Victory Baskets provided to us by some great friends.

We Remember Still

World AIDS Day 2010 gave us an opportunity to celebrate LIVING and we did so in a variety of places in December, but it is STILL important to remember that AIDS STILL kills, that stigma is STILL a problem, and that 56,000 Americans STILL become infected every year.

Teaching about HIV
– part of our mission

Education is a critical factor in the fight to stop the spread of HIV/AIDS. As we move into the spring and summer, we will be teaching HIV prevention and awareness in a lot of places. April begins our third season of **The Inner Circle, a Prevention Drama for Teens**, which will tour Knox County Schools. This great drama is a partnership between WordPlayers and Samaritan Ministry. Take a look at our teaching schedule for spring and summer.

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30 Ways

We want you to get involved and to find a way for your church to talk about HIV/AIDS. Can you take 30 minutes? Here are some of our suggestions. Find out more at www.samaritancentral.org.

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30 years of the AIDS epidemic
30 million infected
Take 30 minutes to talk about
HIV/AIDS in your church

find out how at www.samaritancentral.org

30 Ways - Continued

1. Recognize World AIDS Day (December 1) with a prayer in your church.
2. Host a World AIDS Day Event or Worship Service
3. Invite an HIV/AIDS missionary or local leader to speak at your church.
4. Place HIV/AIDS educational materials in a display in your church. There are good factual materials and good materials for Christians available.
5. Educate yourself about HIV/AIDS. Take our online QUIZ.
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/thehivaidquiz>
6. Collect some information for your pastor to read.
7. Set aside some prayer time at your church during National Week of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS (the first full week in March)
<http://www.nationalweekofprayerforthehealingofaids.org>
8. Partner with a local AIDS Service Organization (ASO) to provide assistance to people living with HIV/AIDS in your community.
9. Challenge your church to set aside some funds to provide assistance to people living with AIDS. (gas vouchers, food cards, utility bill assistance).
10. Host an HIV/AIDS Support Group.
11. Make your building available to the AIDS community for meeting space. Provide snacks!
12. Teach your congregation about HIV/AIDS.
13. Pray for people who live with HIV/AIDS both overseas and within your own community.
14. Mention HIV/AIDS in your church bulletin or newsletter (World AIDS Day or National Week of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS).
15. Include HIV/AIDS info whenever to do a health fair or missions event at your church.
16. Call the Executive Director of a local AIDS Service Organization (ASO) and find out how your church can provide support.

More ideas at www.samaritancentral.org

Victory Baskets 2011



Once again the ladies from the Women's Support Group helped to organize our Victory Baskets, a Valentine's Day treat for some of the women we serve.

Our gifts were met with surprise and even tears – a lift on a cold February day. All of the items in the baskets were donated by Central Baptist Church Sunday School classes and our friends at CVS/Caremark.

Our mission...

"Our church should be a beacon of light and hope, by way of Christ, to anyone who suffers from or has family or friends who suffer from this disease."

Education:

Knowledge IS Power

In 2010 Samaritan Ministry was responsible for presenting HIV prevention and awareness programs to more than 2000 youth and adults. We are on track to exceed that number in 2011.

Typically, we present to 4 distinct groups:

- 1) Incarcerated and formerly incarcerated
- 2) Homeless
- 3) Public High Schools
- 4) Churches
- 5) Colleges and Universities

Funding for our educational programs comes from **individuals like you** and the following partners:

- 1) Tennessee Department of Health
- 2) Knox County Community Development
- 3) East Tennessee AIDS Fund
- 4) Mercy Health Partners
- 5) Cooperative Baptist Fellowship

Spring/Summer Schedule:

Feb. 14: UT School of Nursing

March 9: Morgan County Correctional Complex

March 11: Knox County Jail

March 15: Walter's State Community College – Nursing Students

March 24 & 25: Baptist College of Health Sciences – Memphis

The Inner Circle Prevention Drama

Knox County Schools

April 1: Halls High

April 8: Farragut High

April 15: South-Doyle High

May 6: Fulton High

May 13: Gibbs High

May 18: Department of Health performance/Nashville

May 6: Midway Rehabilitation

June 8: Morgan County Correctional Complex

June 10: Knox County Jail

August 9: Midway Rehabilitation

June 22- 25: Cooperative Baptist Fellowship National Assembly (Tampa)

Rapid HIV Testing

We have been very busy conducting testing events in and around Knoxville. Because we don't get our own test kits, we collaborate with the Knox County Health Department and Helen Ross McNabb Center to work test sites when we get invited. Recently we have been busy recognizing two important events.

1. National Black HIV Awareness Day – February 7th
2. National Week of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS – March 6-12

All in all we have been a part of 13 separate HIV testing events in East Tennessee in February and March.



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Kathryn Nunley 1928-2011

We mourn the loss of our dear friend and supporter, Miss Kathryn. She was the founding volunteer and a board member for Samaritan Ministry. When she stepped up and gave her approval to our new ministry in 1996, she brought with her much of the Central Baptist Bearden family. Her loss is also personal to those we serve because she made it her business to befriend others. We all were recipients of her unconditional love.